

AGENDA

CANTON BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2007

GARDEN CENTER BUILDING

4:00 P.M.

Reading of the minutes of the July 11, 2007 regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Stark Trail - Denny Fulk - Stark County Park District
2. Pinnacle Press

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ms. Karen Assel requesting to donate a bench in memory of Don Assel and his canine friends
2. Canton Midget Football League, Inc. requesting the use of Crenshaw Park from August 25 through October 14, 2007 and Oak Park from July through October 14, 2007. They also request to sell items at the games at Crenshaw. There are date conflicts.
3. Crisis Intervention and Recovery Center requesting to use Monument and Stadium Parks on September 15, 2007, to hold their "Out of the Darkness" Walk
4. Gypsy Moth update

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

## CANTON PARK COMMISSION

### BOARD MINUTES

AUGUST, 2007

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, August 8, 2007, at the Garden Center Building.

Present were: Mr. Andy Black, President; Ms. Marilyn Thomas Jones, Vice President; Mr. Lon Winberry, Member; and Mr. Douglas V. Perry, Director/Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

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#### OLD BUSINESS:

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1. Stark Trail - Denny Fulk - Stark County Park District - President Black noting that Mr. Fulk was present and opened the floor to the trail issue.

The Director showed the Board a map showing both the old trail route and the new route proposed through Stadium Park and gave a short history of the two paths.

Mr. Fulk then explained to the Board the reasons they wished to move the path from between the park road and the creek to the east side of the creek.

Issues that were discussed were the trail crossing the walking path twice, bicycles leaving the trail and going on the path, advantages and disadvantages of each proposal route for the trail, holiday displays, fish derby, and path users feelings with regard to the new proposed route.

It was decided to table the issue until the Director and his crew had time to evaluate the new route and its effect on operations and ask a few path users their feelings about the trail layout.

At this time a motion was made by A. Black to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2007, regular meeting as written. A second was made by M. Thomas Jones, and the motion was then passed by unanimous vote.

2. Pinnacle Press - The Director informed the Board that Mr. Tom Burns of the Law Department had contacted him and was working on the issue. Mr. Burns was to contact the Director again to meet at Willig Field to look at the situation. Issue remained tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ms. Karen Assel requesting to donate a bench in memory of Don Assel and his canine friends - The Board reviewed the request, and a motion was then made to accept the donation by M. Thomas Jones. A second was made by A. Black, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. M. Thomas Jones stated that she felt that the Board should consider developing a policy with regard to these types of donations in the future.

2. Canton Midget Football League, Inc. requesting the use of Crenshaw Park from August 25 through October 14, 2007, and Oak Park from July through October 14, 2007. They also request to sell items at the games at Crenshaw. There are date conflicts - The Director explained to the Board that this request was late and not complete. The first three (3) dates at Crenshaw Park already had shelter reservations.

A motion was made by A. Black to approve the use at Crenshaw Park for Saturdays from September 15<sup>th</sup> thru October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007, and Herbruck and Oak Parks for practice areas from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. In addition, to allow concession sales at Crenshaw Park during games. A second was made by M. Thomas Jones, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Board instructed the Director to include in the approval letter the following subjects: health permit, if needed, timely request, and the requirement to clean up after the activities.

3. Crisis Intervention and Recovery Center requesting to use Monument and Stadium Parks on September 15, 2007, to hold their "Out of the Darkness" Walk - A motion to approve this request - A motion to approve this request with an insurance requirement was made by A. Black. A second was made by L. Winberry, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.
4. Gypsy Moth update - The Director informed the board the Gypsy Moth was in Nimisilla Park and that he had been in contact with the Division of Forestry. They were to send the Director a packet of information, but he had not received it as yet.


OTHER BUSINESS:

1. The Director informed the Board that the City was going to consider making some changes in the way PERS payments are made for management employees. If they did, he would bring like changes to the Board for their consideration for Park Commission employees.
2. The Board reviewed a letter and an article the Director wanted to send out in connection to the recent HUD grant for the new accessible playground. Several good suggestions for changes were made to the information.
3. Ms. M. Thomas Jones questioned the Stark Parks sign in Stadium Park near the Timken Gatehouse as she has had several people think that the Canton Parks were some part of Stark Parks.

The Director explained that when the Stark County Park District leased the gatehouse from the hospital they had asked the Board for permission to place the sign, and it was granted.


4. Ms. M. Thomas Jones suggested that the Law Department be asked to review the Board's practice of requiring neighborhood associations to have \$1,000,000 in liability insurance when holding events on park property. The Director will put together a letter asking them for an opinion.
5. Mr. Winberry reported that he had attended a meeting with regard to the creation of a tree commission. He stated that he reminded them that an effort would require the necessary funds to do something in the right way.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.



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Andy Black  
President



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Douglas Perry  
Director/Secretary